

MINISTER SLAIN AS BURGLAR BY OUSTED TENANT

The Rev. F. E. Ruff Is Shot
for Fumbling at Wrong
Door in Flat House.

SEQUEL TO JUDGMENT

Ex-Pastor Had Raised
Rents and Affronted
Objectors.

CASE FOUGHT IN COURT

F. W. Sextro, Coal Merchant,
Is Exonerated of Blame by
Coroner's Jury.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—The Rev. Frederick E. Ruff, former pastor of the Methodist Memorial Church of Chicago, landlord and central figure in a rent rebellion of his tenants in Rogers Park, was shot to death early to-day by F. W. Sextro, coal merchant and tenant of Ruff, who was a ringleader of the protesting tenants.

Mr. Sextro, in a statement to the police, declared the minister fumbled at his door and that he mistook him for a burglar.

Dr. Ruff had obtained a judgment against Sextro in the Municipal Court last Thursday, ordering him to vacate his apartment.

"I believe this judgment may have played upon Sextro's mind," said Chief of Police Garrity.

Mrs. Clara Ruff, the minister's widow, said her husband evidently had mistaken his way in the hallway of the flat, landing on account of the darkness and had proceeded to the second story instead of the first.

"The hallway is usually pitch dark at that hour of the morning," she said. Harold R. White, who lives on the third floor of the building, was a victim of burglars five days ago. They cleaned out his apartment. At the time Mr. Sextro, discussing the robbery with other tenants, stated that if a robber ever attempted to enter his flat he would "get him."

The pastor landlord persistently refused to treat with his tenants officers of Chicago Tenants Protective League. He referred all complaints to his agent, Henry H. Tank, according to an officer of the league, and characterized some tenants who rebelled against his rentals as "cheap skates with champagne appetites and beer incomes."

According to Chief Garrity Mr. Sextro stated that he was awakened after 7 o'clock this morning by his wife, who said some one was fumbling at the lock of the front door. Mindful of the recent raid on the apartment up stairs, he went to the door, calling out "Who's there?"

"I waited for an answer and nothing but silence greeted my questions. I became suspicious," he said. "I ran back to my room, procured my revolver and then returned and flung open the door."

I saw a dark form about half way down the stairway between the first and second landings, and thinking it was a burglar trying to escape, I fired at him."

Going on Automobile Trip.

The shooting occurred about 7:15 A. M. According to Mrs. Ruff, the widow, her husband had left their apartment—apartment A—a few minutes before to start on an automobile trip.

"It was his custom to take an early morning automobile ride," she said. "He left the apartment. He forgot the keys to the car. He returned to the building for them. In the dark of the hallway and being nearsighted it is likely that he tried to enter the wrong apartment."

Rents in Mr. Ruff's building were raised from \$100 and \$110 to \$150 last May, officials of the Chicago Tenants Protective League said. At that time Mr. Ruff gave only five months leases and oral promises of a year's lease and a raise in rent this autumn. He stated that he wanted some of his leases to expire in the autumn instead of having them all expire in the spring as his reason for offering only a five months lease.

In August the tenants were served with sixty day notices and told that their rent would be \$155 a month. They declined to pay, refused to move on October 1 and placed their cases in the hands of a lawyer. The cases were heard before Judge Moran last week and attorneys for Mr. Ruff accepted non-suits. A compromise was then reached between the two attorneys, the suits were dropped and an arrangement agreed to by all parties worked out. Officials of the tenants league stated.

The coroner's jury to-night decided that the shooting was accidental and recommended that Mr. Sextro be released from custody.

SEARCH FOR STUDENT'S SLAYER UNAVAILING

Brines's Relatives Want Him
to Appear and Clear Name.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23.—Three times to-day the Philadelphia police thought their search for William Brines, accused of killing Elmer C. Drewes, Dartmouth College senior, was at an end, but each time it proved a false alarm.

Early in the day the police received word from Elkton, Md., that a suspect had been arrested there. The man was brought to Philadelphia by detectives and easily proved he was not the University of Pennsylvania student wanted for the killing of Drewes, and was released. He said his name was Harry Lamont of New York.

Later the body of a young man was found in the Delaware River and its identity for a time was in doubt, but finally it turned out not to be that of Brines. The police also picked up a man in the southern part of the city but soon he was discharged.

It became known to-day that William A. Gray has been retained as counsel by John R. Wiggins, Brines's uncle and guardian, to protect the young man's interests. The lawyer visited the District Attorney's office and later called on Brines's mother, who is in a hospital here.

"If we can get in communication with Brines," Gray said, "we will prevail upon him to surrender and clear his name, if he is not guilty. We have an idea where he is."

TOWN TREASURER ARRESTED

P. W. Johnson in Hands of Police
After Two Years.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 23.—Philemon W. Johnson, former town treasurer of Norfolk, Conn., and an official of the Norfolk Manufacturing Company, who disappeared in 1917 leaving a note saying that he intended to commit suicide and taking with him, the Connecticut authorities say, between \$10,000 and \$100,000 of the funds of the town and manufacturing concern, refused to make any statement when transferred to Hartford, Conn., to-day.



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